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TAGS: PLO, CVIS, US, UR

SUBJ: LOS: MEETING OF GROUP OF FIVE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS,

VISA MATTER

REF: STATE 09426, STATE 09123

1. EMBOFF CALLED KHABIROV OF MFA TREATY AND LEGAL DIVISION ON JAN 15 TO CONVEY U.S. INVITATION FOR LOS HEAD OF DELEGATIONS MEETING IN GENEVA ON THE EVENINGS OF FEB 2 AND 3, DURING EVENSEN GROUP MEETINGS. EMBOFF ALSO SAID THAT U.S. WOULD WELCOME ANY SOVIET SUGGESTIONS ON TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED (FIRST REF). KHABIROV SAID THAT HE WOULD PASS THE INVITATION TO APPROPRIATE PERSONS IN MFA AND LET US KNOW THEIR RESPONSE.

2. EMBOFF ALSO TOLD KHABIROV THAT HIS REQUEST TO GO TO
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NEW YORK TO PREPARE FOR THE LOS CONFERENCE HAD BEEN DEFERRED

ON GROUNDS THAT CONFERENCE DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL MARCH (SECOND REF). KHABIROV SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE A GREAT INCONVENIENCE, SINCE HIS APPLICATION WAS NOT SOLELY FOR THE LOS CONFERENCE BUT FOR PREPARATIONS LEADING UP TO THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT SEVERAL MEETINGS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS WERE PLANNED WHICH WERE A PART OF THE BUILDUP, SUCH AS THE GROUP OF 77, THE GROUP OF 49 AND OTHERS, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS DUE TO BEGIN ON JAN 19. IN ADDITION, THE "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES PLAN TO HOLD THEIR INTERSESSIONAL MEETING ON COMMITTEE I ISSUES IN NEW YORK BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 2. ACCORDING TO KHABIROV, THE SOVIET UN MISSION HAD SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT AN LOS EXPERT COME TO HELP OUT WITH THESE TALKS, AS WELL AS WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS INVOLVED IN HANDLING THE SOVIET DELEGATION OF 50 TO 60 PEOPLE WHO WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE ITSELF IN MARCH.

3. FYI. KHABIROV IS ONE OF THE EMBASSY'S REGULAR WORKING-LEVEL MFA CONTACTS ON LOS MATTERS. ALTHOUGH THE MFA NOTE ON HIS VISA APPLICATION WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY PRECISE ABOUT ALL OF THE DETAILS OF HIS TDY TO NEW YORK, WE BELIEVE THAT THE ADDITIONAL POINTS HE HAS FURNISHED ADEQUATELY SUPPORT THE LEGITIMACY OF HIS APPLICATION. EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER ITS FINDING IN ORDER FOR KHABIROV TO LEAVE MOSCOW AS PLANNED ON JAN 18. PLEASE REPLY IMMEDIATE. MATLOCK

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